

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant	:	Kokubo <i>et al.</i>	
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action of June 30, 2009. Please note the following:

**Amendments to the specification:** None.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.